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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Jun-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 06/07/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/31/03
BRO-FRY	161,426	146,972
LT HENS	1,590	2,031
HVY HENS	1,516	1,328

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 31-May-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	60	6	66
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	58	0	58
SAME WEEK YR AGO	334	0	334
TO-DATE/2003	5,535	74	5,609
TO-DATE/2002	7,031	31	7,062

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,429	1,223	3,652
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,682	1,463	3,145
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,889	1,132	3,021
TO-DATE/2003	42,223	29,127	71,350
TO-DATE/2002	47,282	28,821	76,103

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 31-May-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	141,722	1,369	1,217	2,586
AVG WT	5.16	3.70	8.03	5.74
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	159,049	1,624	1,463	3,087
SAME WK YR AGO	145,651	1,555	1,132	2,687
AVG WT	5.21	3.37	7.81	5.24
TO-DATE/2003	3,309,579	36,688	29,053	65,741
TO-DATE/2002	3,383,129	40,251	28,790	69,041

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 143.4 million head or 91% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING May 24,03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	27,164	29,097	50,271
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.16
% of total /1	25%	27%	47%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,155	22,403	52,665
Avg Weight	3.78	4.81	6.06
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,182	34,114	51,802
Avg Weight	3.75	4.72	6.05
% of total /1	22%	31%	47%
To date/2003	518,777	491,496	928,374
To date/2002	625,443	523,523	1,002,494

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 31-May-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,702	2,254	56	9	4,021
AVG WT	15.95	36.60	25.67	33.17	27.70
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,024	2,784	39	12	4,859
SAME WK YR AGO	1,686	2,507	28	10	4,231
AVG WT	15.98	36.38	25.66	34.38	28.47
TO-DATE/2003	38,970	58,961	1,336	319	99,586
TO-DATE/2002	39,516	57,835	936	162	98,449

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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